



To: GREENER RENFREWSHIRE THEMATIC BOARD

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LOW CARBON TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT CHALLENGE FUND

1. Summary

- 1.1 Transport Scotland has been awarded up to £25m under the European Regional Development fund (ERDF) 2014-2020 programme, namely the Low Carbon Travel and Transport (LCTT) Challenge Fund, to deliver projects relating to low carbon travel and transport hubs. These hubs can take the form of:
- active Travel Hubs - these will provide focal points for cycling and walking routes;
 - low Carbon Transport hubs - providing refuelling facilities for a range of alternative fuels and transport modes; or
 - a combined hub(s) covering both of the above activities.
- 1.2 To assist in the development of bids for the LCTT Challenge Fund, a pre-application support fund has opened for applications, offering funding of up to £10,000 to assist organisations in carrying out scoping or feasibility studies and associated activities. The Greener Transport Sub-Group has completed an application for this funding, outlining proposed plans for the creation of a Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hub in Renfrewshire.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board notes that a further report with more details on the programme will be submitted to the November meeting of the Board, should the application for Pre-Application Support Funding be successful



3. Background

3.1 The Greener Transport Sub-Group of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board invited representatives from Transport Scotland to attend its meeting on 12 July 2016 to deliver a presentation and provide additional information on the £25m which Transport Scotland has been awarded, through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2014-2020 programme, to deliver a strategic intervention.

3.2 Transport Scotland aims to deliver a Low Carbon Travel and Transport programme (LCTT) which consists of the following three operations:

- Active Travel Hubs - active travel hubs will provide focal points for cycling and walking routes. The specifics of each Hub will be tailored to the location and based upon need but will typically include bike library initiatives/bike hire, safe and secure facilities for personal bikes, bike repair/maintenance facilities, improved links to public transport, local path networks, travel information and associated outreach activity;
- Low Carbon Transport hubs will provide refuelling facilities for a range of alternative fuels and transport modes. It is envisaged that the locations and composition of these hubs will be determined by local circumstances and demand but typically are likely to include a mixture of low carbon vehicle refuelling infrastructure, such as electric vehicle charging points, hydrogen refuelling stations and gas refuelling facilities;
- National Smart Integrated Ticketing Scheme - the aim is to create a strategic and holistic approach to a National Smart Transport Card system acting as a catalyst for increased public transport use, resulting in a reduction in emissions and congestion from road transport.

3.3 The overall LCTT programme aims by 2023 to:

- create 20 Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hubs;
- construct up to 100 km of cycle networks or walking paths;
- create a National Smart Ticketing Scheme; and
- increase the number of ultra low emissions vehicle (ULEV) registrations in Scotland by 200.

Of which, Phase One of the LCTT programme aims by the end of 2018 to:

- create 6 Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hubs;
- construct up to 53 km of cycle networks or walking paths; and
- increase the number of ULEV registration in Scotland by 50.

These outcomes will go towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport and improving air quality.



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- 3.5 The Greener Transport Sub-Group held a workshop at Glasgow Airport, together with a number of additional parties, to generate ideas of what a Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hub could look like in Renfrewshire. Suggestions and ideas from this workshop were collated and have been incorporated into the pre-application funding application.
- 3.6 Discussions are ongoing with representatives from the Paisley 2021 Bid, the City Deal project team and the Paisley Town Centre Heritage Asset Strategy to ensure these strategic priorities are considered within the proposals included within the pre-application funding application.
- 3.7 Transport Scotland anticipates that the launch of the LCTT Challenge Fund for proposals and applications will be in November/December 2016. The application and assessment process will complete in January 2017, when funds will be awarded. All activity funded under this phase of the programme must be completed by the end of December 2018 and the full grant claimed by 31 May 2019.
- 3.8 The LCTT Challenge Fund is a capital fund and applicants can bid for up to 40% of the eligible costs of the project. Applicants must find 60% match-funding for delivery of projects but it should be noted that this match-funding cannot come from any other European funding source. Private sector organisations are welcomed as part of consortium bids but private sector funding is not acceptable as match funding in this phase of the programme.



4. Community Involvement/Engagement

4.1 The Greener Transport Sub-Group of the Greener Renfrewshire Thematic Board has membership from across the Community Planning Partnership as well as a number of private sector organisations. This membership has been extended for the purposes of the working group for the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Hub and includes the following organisations:

- Glasgow Airport
- SPT
- West College Scotland
- Sustrans
- NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- University of West of Scotland
- Local Energy Action Plan (LEAP)
- University of Strathclyde (Inchinnan campus)
- INTU Braehead
- Hillington Park
- Scotrail (Abellio)
- Westway
- Renfrewshire Leisure Limited
- Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park
- Representatives from various service areas across Renfrewshire Council

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